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# PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, and Point Richmond, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Cal.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: October 23, 1908.

*Week ended February 27, 1909.*

Sick inspected.....	3
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	139
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	1, 948
Houses disinfected.....	6
Nuisances abated.....	262
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Rats found dead.....	35
Rats trapped.....	1, 971
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Total rats taken.....	2, 006
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Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus.....	1, 255
Mus rattus.....	32
Mus musculus.....	712
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Total.....	1, 999
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Rats identified as to sex.....	1, 259
Male.....	571
Female.....	688
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	1, 121
Plague rats.....	0
Squirrels caught ( <i>Citellus beecheyi</i> ).....	4
Squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	4
Plague squirrels.....	0
Poisons placed.....	7, 901

## OAKLAND, CAL.

Date of last case of human plague: Sickened, July 17, 1908.

Date of last case of rodent plague: Trapped, December 1, 1908.

*Week ended February 20, 1909.*

Dead inspected.....	33
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	837
Premises cleaned.....	245
Places made rat proof.....	2
Garbage cans installed.....	197
Nuisances abated.....	188
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Rats found dead.....	65
Rats trapped.....	543
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Total rats taken.....	608
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Mice trapped.....	54
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Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus.....	605
Mus rattus.....	3
Mus musculus.....	54
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Total.....	662
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Rats examined bacteriologically.....	582
Plague rats.....	0
Mice examined bacteriologically.....	54
Plague mice.....	0
Poisons placed.....	22, 465

## POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

*Week ended February 20.*

Sick inspected.....	3
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	3
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	490
Nuisance abated.....	21
Rats found dead.....	13
Rats trapped.....	18
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	19
Plague rats.....	0
Poisons placed.....	14, 000

## ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended February 20.*

Sick inspected.....	3
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	61
Plague.....	0

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL.

*Week ended February 20.*

Dead inspected.....	1
Plague.....	0
Ground squirrels trapped.....	15
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	15
Plague ground squirrels.....	0
Rabbits trapped.....	1
Rabbits examined bacteriologically.....	1
Plague rabbits.....	0
Ranches inspected.....	42
Ranches poisoning squirrels.....	39
Ranches found free of squirrels.....	3

*Report from Los Angeles, Cal.—Examination of animals for plague infection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimson, plague laboratory, reports, February 26:

Animals examined in the laboratory in this city from February 15 to 21, inclusive:

Ground squirrels.....	55
Gray rats.....	432
Black rats.....	31
White rats.....	6

None of these animals was found to be infected with plague.

*Report from Seattle, Wash.—Plague-prevention work.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports, February 23:

## SEATTLE, WASH.

Date of finding of last plague rat, September 26, 1908.

*Week ended February 20, 1909.*

Plague-infected rats to date.....	21
Rats received.....	772
Rats necropsied.....	726
Plague rats.....	0
Vessels inspected.....	14
Vessels fumigated.....	2

*Report from New York, N. Y.—Beriberi on ship King George.*

Surgeon Bailhache reports, March 1:

The captain and 6 of the crew of the ship *King George* were admitted to this hospital February 28 suffering with beriberi and are in a very serious condition. The ship has been 134 days at sea and lost 1 man, who was suffering with the same disease, en route to this port.

The ship *King George* left Hongkong October 16.